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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ken deGraffenreid  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Answers to Senator Helms' Letters

1. Attached are the answers to Senator Helms' letters of April 25th and October 2nd. The Director has reviewed and approved them. (U)

2. As you can see, the Director is prepared to send these materials to Senator Helms directly, and his proposed covering letter is attached. If Bud would prefer to forward the materials with a letter along the lines of the DCI's, Bill would defer in light of the fact that the letters were to the President. (S)

3. After all this time, however, he is eager to move quickly with the package. If Bud prefers that the DCI sign the letter, we would hope to hear back from you with any comments Tuesday (or Wednesday at the latest). I know that this is short notice but now that the package is complete, the DCI simply wants to get it to the Senator as quickly as possible. (S)

4. Our proposal is that, regardless whether Bud or Bill signs the letter, copies of the package would go to the Secretaries of State and Defense; Director, ACDA; Chairman, PFIAB; the Chairman of the two Oversight Committees; and the other congressional signatories to the April 25 letter. (S)

5. Finally, I am having Larry Gershwin give the package a quick read to see if we can live with the classification at secret or whether it should be raised to top secret codeword. (S)

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5. We have tried to prepare the answers as honestly as possible in terms of acknowledging shortcomings but there is also some very useful correcting of the record in these materials. On the whole, I think it is a pretty good package. (S)

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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence


Attached is the final of the letter for Senator Helms and the answers to his questions.

Before sending this, I urge you to consult with Bud or John Poindexter and to show them the text of your covering letter inasmuch as you cite the President.

I also would encourage you to make arrangements to take this package to Senator Helms yourself, to go through it and talk with him about it. (You should not leave it with him, however, because of its classification.)

Finally, once you have either sent the package to Helms or met with him on it, I would recommend the further distribution of the package we have discussed -- the two Oversight Committees, the Secretaries of State and Defense, Director, ACDA, Chairman, PFIAB, and the other congressional signatories of the April 25 letter.

The package has been coordinated with the DDCI, EXDIR, DO, DS&T, DA and D/OLL.

  
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